GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3316
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2005
ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE FROM HEALTH MINISTER`S DISCRETIONARY GRANT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of financial assistance given to the poor and indigent patients from the Health Minister`s discretionary Grant to defray a part of the expenditure on hospitalization/treatment during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of patients given financial assistance out of the said grant during the said period;

(c) whether funds remained unutilized during the above period;

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of the allocation in full; and

(e) the number of patients still awaiting release of grant from the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) : (Rupees in lakhs)

Years	Total expenditure	No. of beneficiaries
2002-03	103.00	595
2003-04	53.00	303
2004-05	43.19	227

(c): Yes.

(d): The reasons for non-utilisation of the allocation in full are at Annexure.

(e): About 900 applications are still under considertion.

Annexure

Annexure to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3316 for 17.8.2005

(i) Non receipt of application complete in all respects.

(ii) Annual Family income is more than Rs.50,000/-

(iii) Request for assistance for re-imbursement of expenditure already incurred, not admissible

(iv) Non-admissibility of financial Assistance for treatment of TB or diseases of common nature.

(v) Treatment in private hospital not admissible.

(vi) The patient a Central Govt./State Govt./PSU employees.

(vii) Replies to Commitment letters are not received from the hospitals to whom the funds are released for the treatment of patients.

(viii) After initial application, patients do not respond.